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In re Application of:

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Glenn H. McGall

Serial No.: 09/578,282

Filed: May 25, 2000

For: CHEMICAL AMPLIFICATION FOR THE  
SYNTHESIS OF PATTERNED ARRAYS

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) Before the Examiner:  
) Jon D. Epperson, Ph.D.  
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) Art Unit:  
) 1639  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 17, 2003. Kindly reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are also filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the claims in accordance with the "Listing of Claims" which begins at page 2 of this paper.

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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First Named Inventor	Jody E. Beecher
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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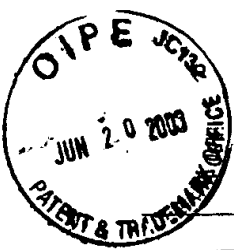
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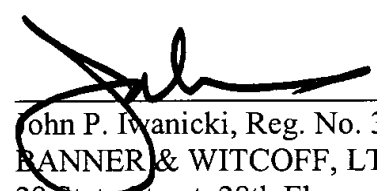
In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action,
2. RCE Request, and
3. Return Postcard.

With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$750.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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